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Dr. Randall J. Webb, '65, '66
President
Northwestern State University

Dear Alumni:

This past academic year has been another outstanding one for your alma mater. Achievements by Northwestern's faculty, staff, students and alumni have continued to bring positive statewide and national attention to the university. These achievements, many of which you can read more about in this issue of the *Alumni Columns*, make all of us who are associated with Northwestern proud.

We are confident that the upcoming year will also yield many positive achievements even though it will be a challenging year for us.

New admissions standards will go into effect this fall. These new standards will impact enrollment, as many students who would previously have enrolled at Northwestern will have to begin their college career at a community college.

Our staff in the Office of Enrollment Services has been working for the past several years to inform students about the new standards. They have also strengthened their efforts to seek out students who can be admitted to the university.

Northwestern has expanded its student recruiting into east Texas. This initiative has shown good results so far as the numbers of students from outside the state has gone up dramatically.

The university has also worked closely with Louisiana's community and technical colleges by informing administrators, faculty and students at those institutions about the opportunities available at Northwestern. Late last year, Northwestern and Bossier Parish Community College signed an agreement to allow students to take classes through BPCC on NSU's Natchitoches campus. The agreement will take effect this fall.

In addition, the university has received a five-year, \$1,810,000 Title III grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The grant will be used to develop innovative academic programs and services that will benefit new populations of students. NSU will also use the grant to support those innovations through faculty excellence in instructional design and technology training.

As you can see, Northwestern is a very busy place. Your continued support is vital as the university continues to strive for excellence in the years to come.

Dr. Chris Maggio, '85, '91
Director Alumni and Development



Dear Alumni and Friends,

A few weeks ago, I had the privilege to meet with a group of alumni who gathered on campus to celebrate their Golden Jubilee reunion. These 1955 graduates brought with them stories and memories about their days at Northwestern. They spent two days catching up, renewing old friendships and discovering how Northwestern has changed but how the same school spirit remains. It was a joy to see that their enthusiasm for their alma mater hasn't waned over the years. Every year when I watch a commencement class walking one by one across the stage to receive their diplomas, I look forward to learning about those graduates' personal and professional accomplishments as their futures unfold.

We are working harder than ever to strengthen the network among Northwestern alumni. NSU graduates can be found literally from coast to coast and we are expanding our alumni functions to include receptions and activities in Los Angeles, New York and Washington, D.C., as well as the closer metropolitan areas surrounding Houston and Dallas. We are also fortunate to have tremendous support among alumni closer to home, throughout Louisiana and east Texas. There is a real camaraderie among our Demons, no matter how far from home they go.

As always, our alumni are unfailingly supportive of our athletic teams. This year, the Alumni Association and the Athletic Association have put together a package for anyone interested in accompanying the men's basketball team to the Outriggers Rainbow Classic at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, Dec. 20-23. This trip will be a true excursion to paradise, with Demon basketball thrown in. What could be better than that?

Looking towards this fall, please mark your calendars for all home football games and be sure to join in alumni tailgating. We are planning activities surrounding some of our away games as well, and invite all Demon supporters to join us. The pinnacle of the fall is of course NSU's Homecoming, set for Oct. 15. It is always wonderful to see so many of our alumni return to Natchitoches for the reunions, receptions and other events surrounding NSU's Homecoming celebration.

We always welcome news about NSU graduates and achievements. Through *Alumni Columns* magazine, our monthly e-newsletter and receptions, we strive to keep all our alumni connected with all the happenings and events that surround Northwestern as it grows and serves each new generation. Thank you again for all of your support.

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Triple Crown



Demons' sweep of football, men's basketball and baseball championships is historic in SLC ranks

Capturing the Southland Conference baseball championship is nothing new for Northwestern State. The Demons have collected nine SLC titles in the last 15 seasons, including the 2005 crown.

This year's triumph is particularly historic because it completes a never-before-accomplished sweep of the three highest-profile men's Southland Conference sports championships.

Last fall, Northwestern won its first SLC football crown since 1998, and in March, the Demons claimed its first-ever SLC men's basketball title — the first conference championship in that sport in 31 years.

Winning the mythical "Triple Crown" is a first in 41 years of Southland Conference sports history.

"We're excited to have won our conference championship," said Demon baseball coach Mitch Gaspard. "Having the chance to complete this Triple Crown sweep for the first time in the 41-year history of our conference is something that I know we'll have pride in for years to come," he said. "I know first-hand how good the Southland Conference is every year in baseball. I'm in the stands watching football and basketball and the competition in those sports is incredibly tough from top to bottom."

Gaspard said there's plenty of credit to go around for the milestone, but most should fall on the shoulders of the student-athletes on the playing field and on the strong back of Athletic Director Greg Burke.

"The players win the championships. They are the ones working out on their own in the offseason, keeping their teammates focused and doing the right things," said Gaspard. "By and large, you don't see players on championship teams making too many bad choices competitively or away from the field. They handle their business well."

"This is a big credit to everybody associated with Northwestern State. Greg Burke is the man who sets the tone for us. Nobody outworks him, nobody cares more, and that's something that our players, our recruits, our parents and everybody associated with our program sees day in and day out," said Gaspard.

Burke, recently honored as one of the nation's outstanding athletics directors by the All-American Football Foundation, said there are lots of reasons NSU has won the first SLC Triple Crown.

"This milestone is first a tribute to three outstanding coaches — (football's) Scott Stoker, (basketball's) Mike McConathy, and Mitch Gaspard — along with their coaching staffs and student-athletes. At the same time, so many others have been an integral part of this success story, including the other athletic department coaches and staff members who provide support in so many ways to these programs and to each other on an ongoing basis," said Burke.

Another reason for Northwestern's success is the unity that exists within the athletic department.

"All of the coaches and student-athletes pull for each other. We want each program to be successful because winning gets to be contagious," said McConathy. "The coaches within the department are always willing to pitch in and help each other."

The SMART Connection

Alumni using talent and resources to recruit out-of-state students

Alumni living outside Louisiana can tell potential students about Northwestern by getting involved with the SMART (Student Marketing and Recruiting Team) program. SMART volunteers share with prospective students information about Northwestern while providing the public with a positive image of the university.

SMART volunteers learn how to work with school personnel and prospective students. They receive updates on activities that may be of interest to students and alumni and learn methods to discuss Northwestern with students and make effective presentations to help sell the university. Volunteers give potential NSU students information about out-of-state fee waivers, scholarships, admissions and enrollment, academic programs, Freshman Connection dates, extracurricular activities and campus activities and organizations.

"SMART participants are ambassadors for the university," said Erin Drago, SMART program coordinator. "One on one interaction with prospective students is very effective in recruiting top-notch students to Northwestern. Alumni who can stand at a table and answer questions and share information about the university, as well as their own experiences at NSU, can make a tremendous impression on a student and his or her parents."

SMART increases visibility in key areas and shapes the way the university is viewed

by high-caliber students parents, opinion leaders and other colleges and universities. Team members assist NSU by serving as mentors to students and fellow alumni, contacting prospective students who have shown an interest in attending NSU or hosting a reception for academically talented students and their parents.

Chris Barbo, a 2001 NSU graduate and SMART volunteer, lives in Frisco, Texas, a northern suburb of Dallas, and recruits potential students throughout Frisco, Plano and Dallas. He attends college fairs held by school districts answering questions about the university and about Natchitoches. Barbo said that between 1,000 and 2,000 potential students attend the fairs and of that number, an average of 500 will visit the NSU booth to fill out information cards and sign up for more information.

"The program has been rewarding in several ways. It allows me to let potential students know that college really is an attainable goal for anyone. It also allows me to share the great academic and social experiences that I had at Northwestern State," Barbo said. "I believe that getting the word out about NSU helps it grow and become an even better place."

"I want to make sure all of the interested alumni are informed about the college programs being held in their areas," Drago said. "Participation in the SMART program is so easy. I give them all the information,

times, directions and send them all the information they need to set up an information table at a college fair. It only takes a couple of hours and helps NSU recruit high quality students from out of state."

Drago will be working in Texas this year and can provide interested alumni with a Texas College Program Schedule to see which events they would like to attend. Drago will mail participants packets of information and materials with details about each event.

SMART was inaugurated five years ago to reach out-of-state markets by involving alumni in recruiting. Since that time, dozens of alumni volunteers have helped foster a large increase in out-of-state admission applications.

"Our NSU alumni are a valuable and unique tool in helping with our recruiting plan. Their NSU experience allows them to be excellent recruiters," said Jana Lucky, director of University Recruiting.

"I love telling students about Northwestern and Natchitoches, but I especially love working with alumni who want to give back to the university some of what our awesome school has given to them," Drago said.

Anyone interested in the SMART program can contact Drago by e-mail at dragoe@nsula.edu or by calling 1-800-327-1908.

2005 – 2006 Annual Fund Drive is Underway for the NSU Athletic Association

MAKING THE DIFFERENCE THROUGH EDUCATION! The ultimate goal of the athletic program at Northwestern State University is to provide an opportunity for student-athletes to earn a degree, enter their chosen career field and have a positive impact on the lives of those they associate with on a personal and professional level. That's the mission statement of Northwestern Athletics.

The NSU Athletic Association needs the support of our alumni, fans, and friends! The 2005-2006 Annual Fund Drive for the NSU Athletic Association to generate revenue for rising scholarship costs for its student-athletes is currently underway. Over the last five years scholarship cost alone for our student-athletes has risen more than \$400,000.

"NSU Athletic Association dollars absolutely provide the edge for our student-athletes and coaches to be highly competitive

at the Division I level (as evidenced by three Southland Conference Championships just this past year – football, men's basketball, and baseball). An average of over \$100,000 alone per year from unrestricted Athletic Association contributions has been dedicated to underwriting scholarship costs for student-athletes who, because the athletic department budget cannot fully cover the entire annual scholarship budget, would otherwise not have had the opportunity to attend NSU. That would immediately translate into a competitive disadvantage for all 14 sports," said Director of Athletics Greg Burke.

"In addition, Athletic Association donations help in many other areas which are important to the annual function of the athletic program," added Burke. Some of these areas are facility improvements, books for the student-athletes, advertising/billboards and radio broadcasts, just to mention a few.

Support from the Natchitoches community and NSU Alumni has been tremendous over the years and NSU could not be competitive on the Division I level without this core group of support. With the recent announcement of the first ever NSU Capital Campaign we hope that as an alumnus, fan, or friend, you will consider making a gift to the NSU Athletic Association for the 2005-2006 Annual Fund Drive and make a difference in the lives of young adults who carry with them the tradition of Northwestern State University. If you desire more information concerning the benefits of joining the NSU Athletic Association please feel free to contact Charlie Vienne at (318) 357-4295 or by e-mail at viennec@nsula.edu. You may mail your contribution to: NSU Athletic Association, Annual Fund Drive, Athletic Fieldhouse, Natchitoches, LA 71497.

New acting Provost and Vice President for academic affairs appointed



Dr. Thomas Hanson

Northwestern State University president Dr. Randall Webb has announced the appointment of Dr. Thomas Hanson as Acting Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective immediately. The appointment is pending approval of the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System.

A professor of mathematics and a member of the Northwestern faculty since 1990, Hanson served from 1996 to 2000 as Dean of Graduate Studies and Research. He is a member and former president and vice-president of the NSU Faculty Senate.

Webb said Hanson "brings to the Provost and Vice-President of Academic Affairs position extensive knowledge and experience as an academician and administrator. He has been successful in both higher education and with large corporations in the private sector, and that background and expertise give him outstanding credentials and qualifications to serve in this position."

The NSU president said Hanson's leadership on the Faculty Senate over the years "will also be beneficial to him and the university in his new role as Provost and Vice President. He recognizes the importance of cooperation and collaboration between the faculty and administration and will work to enhance and expand that alliance."

In addition to serving as a professor in mathematics and computer information systems and as Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, Hanson has also been Director of Information Systems at NSU. In that position, he provided leadership in strategic planning and budgeting for all aspects of academic and administrative computer operations. He was also at the forefront of developing campus computer networks, databases and the use of technology in classrooms.

Hanson, who holds bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Georgia, has been an assistant professor of mathematics at the University of Florida and was an adjunct lecturer in mathematics at the State University of New York in Binghamton.

In the private sector, he was with IBM for 11 years, advancing to the position of senior product representative, and was later vice-president of management information systems for Lustrelon, Inc.

While completing work on his doctorate at the University of Georgia, he received a traineeship from NASA from 1965 until 1968.

CIS students win fifth consecutive national championship

Students from Northwestern State University captured two national titles at the Association of Information Technology Professionals National Collegiate Championship in Atlanta.

Computer information systems students from NSU won their fifth consecutive national championship in systems analysis as the team of Tracy Leeper of Lufkin, Texas, and LaCarlos Williams of Monroe won first place.

The team of Jeremy Wilmot of Zwolle and Chad Vicknair of Montz won first place in COBOL.

Northwestern has won first place in various categories at the AITP National Collegiate Championship nine times in five years.

The team of Erin Ponville of Franklin and Chris Gregory of Natchitoches finished second in systems analysis while Adam Williams of Alexandria and Callista Salazar-Cobb of Campti was third.

Leeper and Brandi Bourgoynne of Melville were fourth in database followed by the team of Janice Austin of Winnfield and Beth Anderson of Natchitoches.

Coordinator of computer information systems Dr. Jack Russell, who accompanied the 28 NSU students to Atlanta, received the "Goes the Extra Mile" Award from AITP.

NSU's student chapter of AITP was named the Outstanding Student Chapter in the nation for the second consecutive year.



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Shown at an awards ceremony in the College of Business were (front row from left): Faculty member Dr. Lissa Pollacia, students James Marsh, LaCarlos Williams, Tracy Leeper, Erin Ponville, Chad Vicknair, Janice Austin, Beth Anderson, Callista Salazar-Cobb, Adam Williams, and Yang Liu, back row (from left): faculty member Dr. Jack Russell, student Chris Greogry, and faculty member Barbara Russell.

SPOTLIGHT

Dr. James Stamey, a 1995 graduate, is the Teaching Excellence Award recipient for the College of Sciences and Mathematics at Stephen F. Austin University. He is an assistant professor of mathematics and statistics.



Hays honored by Naval Academy for career achievement



A charter member of Northwestern State University's Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, was honored by the United States Naval Academy as a Distinguished Graduate Award recipient. Admiral Ronald J. Hays, USN (Ret.) graduated from the Naval Academy in 1950, having studied at Northwestern until he reached age eligibility for enrollment in the Academy.

The 2005 Distinguished Graduate Award ceremony was held Friday, April 15, at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. The Distinguished Graduate Award recognizes graduates of the Naval Academy who have provided a lifetime of service to the nation or armed forces, have made significant distinguished contributions to the nation via their public service and have demonstrated a strong interest in supporting the Navy or Marine Corps and the United States Naval Academy. Hays is one of 23 recipients of the honor and joins three other outstanding Naval Academy alumni in this year's induction class, including H. Ross Perot.

"I'm certainly very honored and humbled by this development," said Hays, who attended the ceremony in Annapolis with his wife, children and several members of his extended family, including his sister Pat Dennis of Natchitoches and her children. Hays was touched when his first skipper, a role model to the young Hays, also attended, as well as a friend living in Tokyo.

"They're traveling that distance for a one-hour occasion," Hays said.

Hays was flattered to be nominated for the award by the president of his class at the Academy and several other classmates. The group's 55th reunion was held in Honolulu, Hi., the week following the

induction ceremony.

As a boy growing up in rural Louisiana, Hays said he could never have dreamed where his career would lead him. Hays' appointment to the Academy was facilitated by a benefactor, Q.T. Hardtner, a LaSalle Parish businessman. Hays was employed in the butcher shop at Hardtner's general store in Urania when Hardtner noticed Hays was a good worker and a serious student and asked if he would like to attend a military academy. When the boy said yes, Hardtner asked which one Hays would like to attend.

"I'd seen some World War II movies and I liked how the Navy operated, so I said the Naval Academy," Hays remembered.

For years afterward, when Hays was home on leave, he would put on his formal uniform and pay a call to Hardtner.

"I'm sorry he's not alive today," Hays said. "I know he'd be proud of this."

Hays served 38 years in the Navy as a naval aviator, flying more than 160 combat missions in Vietnam. He graduated in 1950 and was winged as a naval aviator in 1952. His initial assignment included deployments to East Asia, flying the A-1 Skyraider from the aircraft carrier, Oriskany. With this background, he became an experimental test pilot at Patuxent River, Md., and later commanded an all-new A-6 aircraft squadron. This aircraft had the capability to attack heavily defended areas in any weather, day or night.

During Vietnam, Hays led countless missions, mostly at night, into high-threat areas of North Vietnam and exhibited valor, courage and leadership in the face of intense opposition, spending four continuous years in the Vietnam theatre. After Vietnam, Hays held various leadership positions, including commanding officer of NAS Roosevelt Roads in Puerto Rico; commander, Aircraft Carrier Group Four; commander-in-chief, U.S. Naval Forces Europe; Vice Chief of Naval Operations; and, finally, commander-in-chief, Pacific Forces, where he commanded all military forces (Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines) located in the Pacific theater.

Hays is the most decorated member of the Class of 1950 with three Silver Stars,

seven Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Bronze Star with combat "V" and 18 Air Medals. He also served as chairman of the USS Missouri Memorial Association and led a four-year effort to establish USS Missouri near USS Arizona as a major Pearl Harbor Monument.

After retiring in 1988, Hays accepted a position as chief executive officer of the Pacific International Center for High Technology Research and became heavily involved in civic and charitable organizations. He also joined The Parsons Corporation, a global engineering firm, for which he still works today. He currently chairs a board that is developing a \$50 million military aviation museum in Pearl Harbor.

A native of Urania, Hays was too young when he graduated high school to enter the Naval Academy, so he enrolled at Northwestern, then Louisiana Normal College, where he studied chemistry, physics and other subjects to prepare for the Naval Academy. He received his appointment and began training at the Academy in 1946. He was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy in June 1950 and advanced through the ranks to admiral in 1983.

Hays returned to Northwestern in 1988 to be awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humanities. In 1990 he was inducted as a charter member of the Long Purple Line, Northwestern's Hall of Distinction that recognizes former NSU students whose career accomplishments or service to their fellow man have enhanced the university's reputation. He resides in Honolulu.

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**Saturday
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NSU alumna/faculty research receives Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award

Dr. Kristine Coreil, associate professor of horn and theory in the Northwestern State University School of Creative and Performing Arts, was the recipient of this year's Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award. Criteria for the research award includes scholarly or creative significance; national, regional or local impact; originality and ingenuity of project design and critical recognition by experts in the field.

Coreil has been a leader in the field of research and creative work of modern pieces composed for the natural horn, on which she performs extensively. The natural horn, also called the hand horn, is a period instrument of the 17th and 18th century. The natural horn is like a French horn without valves, in which the player manipulates the right hand in the bell to produce different pitches.

"I've explored and performed pieces by contemporary composers who have written specifically for the natural horn," Coreil said. "In addition, I commissioned and collaborated with a piece for the natural horn and echoplex, and have performed that piece in Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and North Carolina." The piece, entitled "Gently Weep," was written by composer Thomas Hundemer, first hornist with the Shreveport Symphony and an instructor of composition at Centenary College.

"The echoplex is an instrument from the 1970s rock era that can be produced through a digital delay," Coreil said. "In the piece 'Gently Weep,' I play the Classical era horn into a microphone, which then repeats the music three or four times at a delay of about one second. The result is that I end up playing a quartet with myself, basically. This piece and other pieces I've performed use modern avant-garde techniques, which are somewhat uncommon to experience with hearing a Classical era instrument."

Coreil said she was pleased to be recognized because "it's unusual for a performing artist to

receive this award." She has been working with the natural horn for more than four years.

A native of Jackson, La., Coreil is a 1985 graduate from the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts and earned an undergraduate degree in music education at Northwestern in 1988. She earned a master of music in horn performance at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., in 1990 and a doctor of musical arts in horn performance at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has been on faculty at NSU since 1994. Coreil has presented juried lectures and recitals on the natural horn to the International Horn Society and the College of Music Society at symposia at institutions around the country.

In presenting the award, NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb noted the significance of bestowing the award on a recipient who received her core education at the Louisiana School and at Northwestern State.

"LSMSA had a huge influence on my career," Coreil said. "I wanted to maintain my relationship with the school and even though I went to graduate schools in other places, NSU brought me back." Coreil also recognized her mentor and former instructor, Richard Jennings of Natchitoches, as a guiding influence in her career as a musician.

Coreil was recognized during university's 18th annual Research Day. The Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award is given in memory of Dr. Mildred Hart Bailey, who retired from Northwestern in 1989 with 25 years of service. The award is made for outstanding research or distinguished artistic performance and/or creative work substantially completed during the past three years. Northwestern faculty and adjunct faculty carrying a 12 semester hour course load are eligible for nomination.



Dr. Kristine Coreil, left, is this year's recipient of the Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award, presented annually to a member of the Northwestern State University faculty for outstanding research or distinguished artistic performance. Dr. Randall J. Webb presented the award during the school's 18th annual Research Day.

Auction Timetable:

4:00 p.m.	Doors Open / Open Bar
4:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Silent Auction (closes at 8:00 p.m.)
5:45 – 7:00 p.m.	Dinner
6:00 p.m.	Open Bar Closes / Cash Bar Opens
7:00 – 7:15 p.m.	Program
7:15 – 9:00 p.m.	Live Auction

Costs:

\$1,000.00	for a table of twelve (12) – Front row in front of stage; plus table gift
\$450.00	for a table of eight (8)
\$60.00	per person
(Includes hot hors d'oeuvres, buffet style dinner with four different serving stations, dessert, and beverages)	

Raffle Tickets:

"Final Five" Raffle - \$100.00 per ticket	(only 100 tickets will be sold) (can be purchased in advance with table purchase)
"Poor Man's Raffle - \$50.00 per ticket	(winning ticket can choose any Live Auction Item on the board)

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Dress: Dressy / Casual

If you would like more information, or to make your reservations for a table or individual, please contact Charlie Vienne at (318) 357-4295 or by e-mail at viennec@nsula.edu.

Son of 1921 graduate donates diploma to NSU archives

Thomas F. Ruffin of Shreveport shared a piece of Northwestern State University history with the school by donating his father's college diploma to the NSU Archives. The donor's father, Trueheart H. Ruffin, was among the first individuals to earn a four-year bachelor's degree from Louisiana State Normal School, now Northwestern, in 1921.

The 84 year old document is encased in a purple suede cover embossed in gold letters with the graduate's name and the date he graduated.

"He finished at mid-term, but he had to wait till spring to get his diploma," Ruffin explained. There were only three students who graduated in 1921 with the first four-year degrees ever awarded.

A native of DeSoto Parish, the elder Ruffin started out to earn a two-year degree before serving in World War I. When he returned from the war, the four-degree program had been established.

After receiving the diploma, T.H. Ruffin lived in Wallace community north of Pleasant Hill and



Tony Gustwick and Thomas Ruffin

"would ride the train home on the caboose." For a short time, he taught school in Rambin community between Mansfield and Pleasant Hill, before moving to Minden, his wife's hometown, where he was assistant superintendent of Schools in Webster Parish. He eventually left teaching, moved to Shreveport and went into the building materials industry.

Northwestern has a special place in Ruffin's family history. The donor's mother and two aunts earned two-year teaching certificates from Northwestern. After earning her certificate, Ruffin's mother taught school for several years before becoming a full-time homemaker.

"My father and mother were both very appreciative of Northwestern," Ruffin said. "They'd go down to see old friends, like Miss Dean Varnado, so as a kid, I spent a lot of time on that campus." One of his sisters attended Northwestern but transferred before graduation.

In 1998, Mr. Ruffin honored his parents by creating the T.H. and Xenia Fuller Ruffin Endowed Scholarship for an education major.



Honorary doctorate awarded at spring commencement

Northwestern State University awarded an honorary doctorate of humanities to Baton Rouge businessman Daniel Lee Chase at its spring commencement exercises Friday, May 6.

"Dan Chase has achieved extraordinary success in business and is noted throughout Louisiana for his meaningful and dedicated service to society, particularly in the areas of public education and drug and alcohol abuse," said NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb. "Dan has also been a strong supporter of his alma mater and has played an important role in the success of the university."

Chase earned a bachelor's in health and physical education and mathematics from Northwestern in 1957. He served as a successful coach and teacher in Louisiana public schools for 20 years. While teaching, he continued his pursuit of higher education and earned a master's in education administration at Northeast Louisiana University. He also completed substantial post-master's work toward a doctorate in education at the University of Arkansas.

In 1969, he established an innovative plastic manufacturing company that became the first business in the nation to manufacture mannequins, or models for the taxidermy industry. He also created and marketed other innovative tanning procedures, products and instructional video programs that made his company a national leader in the taxidermy supply industry. He remains head of a Baton Rouge company that employs more than 100 people.

Chase and his wife, Lilly, have been generous supporters of Northwestern. A four-year letterman in football, he has funded endowed scholarships in athletics and also provided funding for the Dan and Lilly Chase and daughters Marty Causey and Lisa Chase Endowed Professorship in the College of Education. The Chases have also opened their home to the NSU family for alumni, recruiting and other university functions in the Baton Rouge area.

In addition, Chase has provided funding for substance abuse initiatives. He is active in organizations including the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council of Greater Baton Rouge, the Deter Board of Baton Rouge and other groups and projects that address substance abuse problems.

Chase has supported Northwestern as a member of the board of directors of the NSU Foundation, the NSU Alumni Association, NSU Athletic Association and the Graduate "N" Club. He was inducted into the NSU Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, the university's highest honor for alumni. Dan and Lilly Chase are campaign co-chairs of Northwestern's "For a Brighter Tomorrow" Capital Campaign. He also holds leadership positions in other local, state and national professional and civic organizations.

Demons' Mark Duper among 2005 La. Sports Hall inductees

Former Northwestern track All-American Mark Duper, who became an All-Pro football star with the Miami Dolphins, joins LSU women's basketball coaching legend Sue Gunter, five-time major league baseball All-Star Albert Belle, and LSU basketball great Rudy Macklin among eight sports heroes who were inducted June 25 at Prather Coliseum in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

Duper, born in Pineville and raised in Moreauville, was a two-time All-America sprinter at Northwestern who ran the anchor leg on the Demons' 1981 NCAA Division I national champion 4x100 meter relay team. Duper utilized that speed as he combined with Pro Football Hall of Fame 2005 inductee Dan Marino to become one of the most productive pass-catch tandems in NFL history. In 11 seasons with the Miami Dolphins, Duper had 59 touchdown catches and made three Pro Bowls.

Duper was inducted into the Dolphins' Honor Roll during a 2003 Monday Night Football game. He was a two-time NCAA Division I All-American as a sprinter at Northwestern, running the anchor leg on the Demons' 1981 NCAA champion 4 x 100-meter relay team that also included Louisiana Sports Hall of Famer Joe Delaney. Delaney



Mark Duper

persuaded Duper, who didn't play prep football, to give football a try before his junior season.

Despite very modest college stats in an offense featuring Delaney and Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame quarterback Bobby Hebert, Duper was a second-round NFL Draft pick in 1982 and exploded on the pro football scene with the arrival of QB

Dan Marino. Duper played in 146 regular-season games with Miami, catching 511 passes for 8,869 yards (17.7 career average) and 59 TDs.

He averaged better than 16 yards a catch in seven of his 11 seasons. He also caught at least 50 passes five times and went over the 1,000-yard mark in receiving four times - finishing with 1,313 yards in 1986 and 1,306 yards in 1984. He also had a career-high 71 receptions in 1984.

He is first on Miami's all-time list for receiving yards, second in receptions and third in receiving TDs. He owns the Dolphins' all-time mark for 100-yard receiving games (28), the single-season record (eight in 1986) and the single-game record for receiving yards (217 vs. N.Y. Jets in 1985). Marino and Duper are tied for eighth all-time in NFL history among QB-WR scoring combinations (55 TDs).

Alumnus Clarence Culbert Jr. named to NSU ROTC Hall

Col. Clarence Culbert Jr., has been inducted into the Northwestern State University ROTC Hall of Fame. Culbert is The Pentagon's director of information operations, Office of the Chief, Army Reserves.

A native of Alexandria, Culbert earned a degree in mathematics at NSU with a minor in military science and was remembered "as a very good student" by Dr. Austin Temple, dean of the College of Science and Technology. Culbert graduated from NSU in 1977 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Defense Artillery Corps. He has served 28 years in the Active Army and Army Reserves and will retire this fall.

Culbert was guest speaker and unveiled his portrait during the annual Military Ball, sponsored by the Department of Military Science. The portrait will be hung in the Noe Armory on the NSU campus. Culbert was accompanied to the event by his father, Clarence Culbert Sr. of Alexandria, a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict. Culbert's wife, Jane Powdrell-Culbert, is a state representative in New Mexico.

"Col. Culbert used his military and civilian experiences to encourage the cadets in their future endeavors," said LTC Teresa Galgano, head of the Department of Military Science. "His words of wisdom touched on keeping an open mind, loyalty, their responsibilities and their choices. He has genuine concern for the program and the future cadets and looks for opportunities to mentor young people."

Visiting with NSU cadets during the induction, Culbert "offered them advice and guidance on how to become better officers," he said.

"I have a history of helping others because of others who mentored me. That's my way of giving back," Culbert said. "You must be honest with people and help them along because we are interdependent, not independent."

Inductees into the NSU ROTC Hall of Fame must have done one of the following: attained the rank of colonel while serving on active duty, been awarded the Medal of Honor, been appointed to an office of prominence in national or state government or been recognized and recommended by the president of the university for outstanding service.



Col. Clarence Culbert Jr., right, unveiled a portrait of himself that will hang in the NSU ROTC Hall of Fame. At left is LTC Teresa Galgano, head of NSU's Department of Military Science.

2005 Northwestern State Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
9/1	at Louisiana-Monroe	7:00
9/10	North Dakota State	6:00
9/17	at Louisiana-Lafayette	TBA
9/24	Texas Southern	6:00
10/1	open	
10/8	*at Sam Houston State	2:00
10/15	*Southeastern Louisiana (homecoming)	2:00
10/22	*at Texas State	6:00
10/29	Northeastern University of Boston, MA	12:00
11/5	*Nicholls State	6:00
11/12	*at McNeese State	7:00
11/19	*Stephen F. Austin	6:00
*Southland Conference games		

Alumni GATHERINGS

Kilgore Recruiting and Alumni Reception

Tommy ('74) and Sarah Maines ('74) attended the Kilgore Recruiting and Alumni Reception.



Steve ('51) and Babe Cole, Roger ('65) and Sarah Lockridge, and Susan and Carroll Long ('67, '70) caught up on old times at the Kilgore Recruiting and Alumni Reception.

Shreveport Recruiting Reception

Keith ('74) and Julie Bergeron ('76) welcomed aspiring Northwestern students into their home for the Shreveport Recruiting Reception.



Ruston Recruiting Reception

Lenn ('75) and Danny Prince opened their home for the Ruston Recruiting and Alumni Reception.



Tommy ('69) and Cindy ('69) Chester caught up with old friends at the Ruston Recruiting and Alumni Reception.



Lenn Prince ('75), Thomas Stewart ('38) and Earvin Rylland ('50) mingled during the Ruston Recruiting and Alumni Reception.

Alexandria Recruiting Reception

Karl ('87) and Terri ('89, '03) Carpenter hosted the Alexandria Recruiting Reception for perspective Northwestern students.



Natchitoches Recruiting Reception

Friends of NSU Martha and Perry Martin hosted a recruiting reception in Natchitoches for potential students.

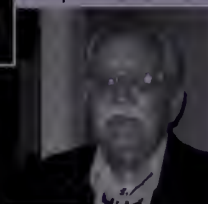


Leesville Recruiting and Alumni Reception

Martha Hooper Koury ('97, '03) and Matt ('95) Koury brought their daughter future NSU student Mackie to the Leesville recruiting and alumni reception.



Ruth and Dudley ('52) Morrison met with other alumni and potential NSU students in Leesville.



Gene ('63) and Martha ('70) Koury hosted the annual Leesville recruiting and alumni reception.



Shreveport Alumni Reception

Pesky ('72) and Carol ('71) Hill caught up with NSU friends during the Shreveport alumni reception.



Joe Schelette ('69) visited with Dean ('56) and Myrtle Clark during the alumni gathering at Savoie's in Shreveport.



Dot ('51) and Duane ('53) Sibley enjoyed Savoie's catering at the Shreveport alumni gathering.

New Orleans Alumni Gathering



Angelique Duhon ('00), Chns ('01) and Jamie ('01) Collier and Jaime ('00) and Paul ('00) Rome visited during the New Orleans Alumni Gathering at Barecca's.

Nicole Jagers ('01) and Jeni Brumfield ('02) met with other alumni at Barecca's in New Orleans.



Scott ('83) and Wanda ('86) Hubner Ford visited with other New Orleans area alumni.

Neil Ponstein ('04), John Kulakowski ('88) and Nick Fiorito ('03) enjoyed the New Orleans area alumni reception.



Larry Gaudet ('72), Charles Ponstein, Kenny ('73) and Patty ('73 & '78) Hrapmann, Randy ('78) and Ginger ('86) Wiggins and Becky ('71) and Larry ('71 & '95) DeBlieux gathered in New Orleans at Barecca's.

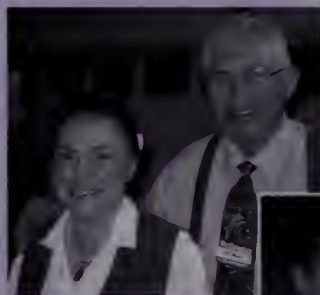
Many Recruiting/Alumni Reception



Hosts Stephen ('04) and Mary Beth Scott ('03) Van Sickle and Virginia ('73 & '75) and Don Burkett ('74) and their son Caleb at the Many recruiting and alumni reception.

Fort Worth area alumni gathering

Ron Herrera ('75), Greg Manning ('78) and Marvin Morris attended the Fort Worth crawfish boil.



Winnie Dowden Wyatt ('53) and husband Bill enjoyed the Fort Worth area alumni gathering.

Daniel and Brandi ('98) Poche Taylor were among Fort Worth alumni at their annual crawfish boil.



Mike and Madeline Dranguet ('82) Weber visited with Kim Ramon ('89) and hosts Connie Friday Davis ('82) and husband Brad Davis during the Fort Worth area alumni gathering.

Dallas area alumni gathering



Peter Papa ('95) visited with Walter Heatherwick at the Dallas Area alumni gathering.

Charles ('77) and Julie C. Dowden ('76) enjoyed crawfish during the annual Dallas area alumni gathering.



Bob and Gloria ('74) Hewlett visited with Carolyn and Bill ('49) Brister at the Dallas area crawfish boil.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Family establishes scholarship for Baptist student

A Natchitoches couple has established a scholarship through the Louisiana Baptist Foundation to benefit a student at Northwestern State University.

The **Rev. Doyle and Barbara Bailey Family Scholarship** is endowed to the Northwestern State University Foundation in the amount of \$1,200 per year for a third year student. Recipients are selected by the NSU Foundation in association with the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Northwestern.

Recipients can receive the scholarship for up to two years and must maintain a 3.0 grade point average. Applicants must be recommended by the director of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry. First preference will be given to a student affiliated with a Baptist church.

"Education is important to my family," Rev. Bailey said. "My parents did not finish high school but it was important to them that I get the best education possible. They sacrificed and worked hard to help make this happen." This scholarship recognizes those sacrifices and is a tribute to the faith community that helped them, Rev Bailey said.

The Rev. and Mrs. Bailey were missionaries to Argentina for several years before returning to Louisiana. Rev. Bailey taught at Louisiana College for two years and worked as Director of Stewardship for the Louisiana Baptist Convention for 20 years. He is a trustee for the Rapides Foundation, an organization that works diligently to improve education, health and the arts in the central Louisiana area. Investing in education and well-being of the community is important to the Bailey family.

The Rev. and Mrs. Bailey named the scholarship for their family to include their children and grandchildren. Those family members are Edgar and Amy Bailey Henao and children Ryan, Daniel, Steven and Allison of Suwanee, Ga.; Jeffrey and Tina Bailey and daughter Meagan of Ft. Myers, Fla., and Denis and Beth Bailey Molina and children Steven Kristoff, Halden and

Natalie of Sugar Hill, Ga.

"Our children are all college graduates," Rev. Bailey said. "Barbara and I were both fortunate enough to complete post-graduate degrees."

Rev. Bailey said that establishing this scholarship gave him and his wife "the chance to give back because we have been so richly blessed by God." Their hope is that students "will stay in school, learn, be blessed and in turn bless their world," he explained.

Last year the Bailey's created the Armand and Docia Lestage LaCour Scholarship to benefit a Northwestern State University nursing student. That scholarship is named for Mrs. Bailey's grandparents.

Book Scholarship established by Natchitoches businessman



Lee Waskom

Natchitoches businessman **Lee Waskom** has established a book scholarship for students in the College of Nursing at Northwestern State University.

Each semester, a student in the associate degree program and the bachelor's degree program will receive a scholarship to cover the costs of textbooks.

"I decided to set up this scholarship after observing the costs of textbooks for nursing students," said Waskom, the owner of Campus Corner in Natchitoches and Shreveport. "It is very expensive for them and many students are not able to qualify for some types of financial aid. I wanted to help the cream of the crop in the nursing program."

The scholarship will be awarded to different students each semester.

Students who wish to receive the scholarship must maintain a 3.2 grade point average in nursing and an overall 3.0 average and be in the second clinical semester or higher. They must also be in need of financial assistance and not receiving other scholarships.

Scholarship established in memory of former head of music department



Dr. Paul Torgrimson

The **Dr. Paul Torgrimson Scholarship for Excellence in Piano Performance** has been endowed to the Northwestern State University Foundation. The \$500 scholarship will be awarded

annually to a music student majoring in piano in the Department of Creative and Performing Arts.

The scholarship, made possible through an initial donation from family members and former students, honors Torgrimson, who was a member of Northwestern's faculty for 35 years.

According to Dr. Nikita Fitenko, assistant professor of piano, criteria for selection will include a student's achievements in piano performance, grades and general progress within one academic year.

"We would like to commemorate the name of Dr. Torgrimson," Fitenko said. "He was an excellent musician working for many years here and a great friend of the piano program." Fitenko said he hopes the scholarship will challenge current piano students to improve and attract more piano students to Northwestern.

"This is the kind of thing he'd be really pleased with," Torgrimson's son, Peter Torgrimson said. "He really had the teaching gene. Even after his retirement, he continued to teach piano lessons."

Recipients will be selected by Northwestern piano faculty and department and approved by the NSU Foundation. Preference will be given to a

junior or senior level student with financial need. The length of the scholarship will be one academic year, paid in two semester installments. The amount of the scholarship and/or the number of recipients may increase over time.

"The intent of this is to make it a significant scholarship," Peter Torgrimson said.

Torgrimson was a native of Minnesota. He graduated with a B.A. in music from the University of Minnesota in 1938 and came to NSU in 1945 after completing a master's degree in music from the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y. He completed a Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) at the Eastman School of Music in 1959. He remained at Northwestern until his retirement in 1980. During his career he advanced to Professor of Music, was head of the music department in the late 1960s and became Professor Emeritus following his retirement.

Torgrimson was an active private piano teacher throughout his career. Recitals at his home are fondly remembered by many former students and parents, Peter Torgrimson said. He continued teaching privately for many years after retirement, including teaching students at the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts. Many of his former students are now music teachers around the country and have concert careers.

In addition to being a teacher, Dr. Torgrimson established a reputation as an artist and was in constant demand to conduct workshops, direct activities and serve as judge, panelist and clinician. He was very active in the Louisiana Music Teachers Association, Music Teachers National Association and the National Guild of Piano Teachers.

"He was very interested in trying to improve the level of piano education," Peter Torgrimson said.

He was a co-founder of the Louisiana Outdoor Drama Association (LODA), which commissioned the outdoor music drama, "Louisiana Cavalier." LODA built an amphitheatre at Grand Ecore and produced several seasons of summer performances beginning in 1976. For many years, Torgrimson was organist and occasional choir director at First United Methodist Church in Natchitoches and oversaw the purchase of two pipe organs for the church in the 1950s and 1960s.

Torgrimson died Feb. 28, 2005, at age 86.

Bolton scholarship established



Sam Goodwin

A scholarship has been established at Northwestern State University in the name of former faculty member **Gail Goodwin Bolton**. The scholarship will benefit students in student personnel services, and was set up with a donation to the NSU Foundation by Bolton's son, former Northwestern head football coach Sam Goodwin.

Bolton, 86, passed away in January. Bolton earned a master's degree at Northwestern and a doctorate at Oklahoma State University. She was a faculty member at Northwestern from 1969 until 1984, developing the program in student personnel services, which has produced successful graduates who work throughout the country. Bolton retired from Northwestern as head of the student personnel services program.

"I wanted to find a way to both honor my mother and to benefit the program that she was so fond of," said Goodwin. "This was a natural fit. Now, something will be there to recognize her and allow the work of the program to continue."

Bolton was also active in civic and church affairs, serving as president of the Alexandria Junior League, the Matinee Music Club and vice chair of the Board of Deacons at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Alexandria.

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Pictured left to right are Carol Torgrimson, Eva Torgrimson, Peter Torgrimson and Tony Gustwick, executive director NSU Foundation.

Long twins establish scholarship for student athletes

Twin brothers **Gerald and Carroll Long** have contributed \$10,000 to the Northwestern State University Foundation to create the Gerald and Carroll Long Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a sophomore student athlete who demonstrates Christian principles and an attitude of integrity, teamwork and service. The student must maintain a 2.5 grade point average.

"We look for that student who has Christ-like qualities in his or her personal life," Gerald Long said.

"I think it would be someone active in their church and active in church-related activities on campus," Carroll Long added.

Gerald and Carroll Long are both actively involved with Christian ministry and with Northwestern. They have close family ties to the university and have served Northwestern in numerous capacities.

After graduating from high school in Winnfield, the two attended Northwestern on football scholarships. Gerald Long, who lives in Natchitoches, received his degree in education from Northwestern in 1967. Carroll Long earned a bachelor's degree in education in 1967 and a master's in education in 1970. Both went to work as State Farm Insurance agents and both continued their commitment to the

ministry, to Northwestern and to student athletes and coaches.

An ordained minister, Gerald Long has been very active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He retired from State Farm five years ago and works full-time with FCA, serving as a representative for a 10-parish area in north-central Louisiana.

Gerald Long and his wife Rose are already benefactors of the Gerald and Rose Long Endowed Scholarship for Athletics, established in commemoration of their 25th wedding anniversary. Gerald is a member of the NSU Athletic Association Board of Directors. He and his wife have hosted recruiting events for Northwestern and have worked with Alumni and Development to identify outstanding prospective students.

Carroll Long, lives in Longview, Texas, and has been a state farm agent for more than 30 years. He is married to Susan B. Long and is the father of three children. After retirement, he plans to return to Natchitoches and do volunteer work at NSU. He has been involved with the Alumni Association for more than 20 years and serves on its Board of Directors.

Three years ago, Carroll initiated a volunteer chaplains program for athletic teams at NSU. Carroll serves as chaplain for the football team, Gerald serves as chaplain for the baseball and men's basketball teams and Rose Long serves as chaplain for the softball and women's basketball teams.

Both Gerald and Carroll Long worked through the years with other State Farm agents to coordinate State Farm matching scholarships for Northwestern students.

"The dedication that the Long family has shown to Northwestern over the years has been immeasurable," said Dr. Chris Maggio, director of Alumni and Development at NSU. "Gerald and Carroll Long have given not only moral support to students and coaches, but have shown tremendous generosity in creating this endowed scholarship for a student athlete of great character."

"When they say the final words for my brother and me, they'll know we bled purple," Carroll Long said. "What Gerald and I have done has been because of a great love for the university, the kids, the coaches and it's part of our commitment to Northwestern."

Methodist Men establish scholarship

The United Methodist Men of First United Methodist Church of Natchitoches have established an endowed scholarship through the Northwestern State University Foundation. The scholarship will be named the United Methodist Men Memorial Scholarship and will be awarded annually in the amount of \$500.

The scholarship will be awarded in memory or honor of a person who has been a leader and Christian disciple at First United Methodist Church.

"We wanted to create something for our congregation that would last forever," said Sean Hornsby, treasurer of Methodist Men and 2000 graduate. "Our goal is to name one or two people to receive this scholarship every year."

Applicants must have at least a 2.0 grade point average and must be members, plan to be members or regularly attend First United Methodist Church. Applicants who have already been awarded a scholarship can apply for a consecutive award, but will only be considered if there are no qualified first-time applicants.

Hornsby said names are blotted out of the applications so the committee selection is based solely on needs and scholastic achievement. The scholarship is awarded without regard to race, gender, creed, color or age.

Juliana Sheffield was recipient of the inaugural scholarship, named in memory



Junior broadcast journalism major Amanda Ward was the winner of the Michael Peter Manno Endowed Leadership/Service Award at the NSU College of Liberal Arts second annual Honors Banquet. The award, funded by Northwestern alumni John and Lynne Manno, recognizes demonstrated excellence in leadership and identifies students who exhibit potential to become future leaders at Northwestern. Presenting Ward with the \$1,000 award is Dr. Neil Ralston, assistant professor; Dr. Steve Horton, chair of the Department of Journalism, Ward, John and Lynne Manno, and assistant professors Mary Brocato and Dr. Paula Furr.

of the late Jim Phillips. Sheffield is a non-traditional student.

Applications for the scholarship must be received by July 1 each year. The scholarship is funded through donations and other projects and may be increased, pending funds available. Individuals must apply to the NSU Foundation, which will forward the application to a committee of five members of United Methodist Men.

Hornsby said the scholarship is open to those who regularly attend First United Methodist Church because many students involved at First Methodist are members of other churches.

United Methodist Men is an organization whose goal is to assist men in spiritual growth, provide a forum for fellowship among the men of the church and respond to outreach needs of the church.

Lisa and Jason Mathews establish music department endowment

Lisa Mathews will probably never get away from working with instruments, but the kind she works with today are far from what she the ones she used to help her receive a college education.

Mathews, a 1992 scientific inquiry major from the Louisiana Scholars' College, has a successful dental practice in Shreveport. Earning a spot in the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band at NSU played a major role in helping her earn a degree.

Mathews, along with her husband Jason, also a 1992 graduate of Northwestern, have made a three-year pledge to the NSU Foundation to establish the Lisa and Jason Mathews Music Department Fund. The fund will benefit the music program within the Mrs. H.D. Sr. and Alice Estelle Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts.

"Our experience at Northwestern and with the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band was very positive," said Dr. Mathews, who lives in Benton. "Jason and I talked about giving back in a way that could benefit a specific department or cause. That was one thing that attracted us.

"Being in the band gave me the opportunity to earn a scholarship and receive a student job through CAPA. If I would not have received that scholarship, I would not have been able to complete school. I feel indebted to those who provided me with an opportunity. We are

glad to be able to contribute so that others can benefit and have the chance to have the wonderful career and life that we have."

Mathews said it was important to her to have an extracurricular activity away from academics.

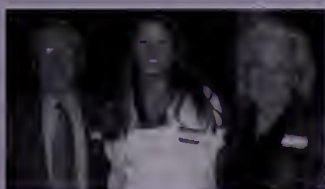
"Band gave me a creative outlet," she said. "It also gave me an instant support group of 250 people. It gave me a way to get involved in a variety of activities."

Scholarship established by Knights of Columbus Council

Knights of Columbus Council #1357 has made a donation to the NSU Foundation to establish a scholarship at Northwestern.

Recipients of the scholarship should be an active Council member's child, grandchild, or great-grandchild, and a sophomore with a grade point average of at least 3.0.

NSU Foundation Scholarship Banquet

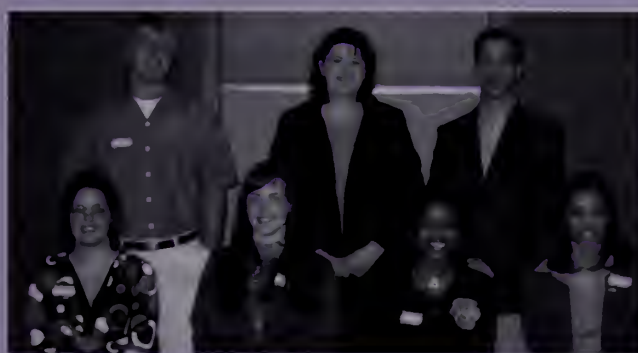


Laura Smith (center) is the recipient of the John and Jason McCain Memorial Scholarship. Also shown are Jack McCain, Jr. ('56) and Mary Beth McCain.

Steven Wood (center) was awarded the Chris Roper Memorial Scholarship. Also shown are Richard E. Roper and Mary Roper.



Tommy McClelland, II, 2004 graduate and graduate student, was awarded the FCA/Janet Goodwin Scholarship. Sam Goodwin is also shown.



Students receiving the Martin Foundation Scholarship at the annual NSU Foundation Scholarship Banquet were (front) Katie Vickers, Kimberly Eppler, Jessica Jones, Porche Rideau, (back) Josh Vickers and Kara Krouse. Spencer Martin also attended the banquet.

Matthew Burroughs was awarded the Arthur C. Watson Scholarship during the annual NSU Foundation Scholarship Banquet. Saidee Watson Newell also attended.

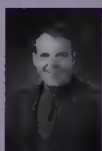


Each recipient is eligible to receive the scholarship in subsequent semesters, but they will be evaluated along with other applicants.

"The Council wants to assist a student as well as helping a Knight or a Knight's family," said Henry Maggio, Jr., a member of Council #1357. "This will help keep a student in town and serve as a membership builder for our Council. Perhaps, if a male student receives the scholarship, they could someday follow in their father's footsteps as a member of the Knights of Columbus."

Maggio said the Council has strong ties to university. Many members are NSU faculty and staff or support the university in a variety of ways.

"This is another way that we can support the community," he said. "Many of our members are involved closely with the university. This way, we can support the university and help a member's family."



Dwayne Jones

Dwayne Jones graduated from Northwestern in May of 1996 with a B.S. in advertising design. While he was at NSU, Jones served as president of the Student Activities Board for two years, president of Theta Chi Fraternity, president of Order of Omega and worked on the newspaper and yearbook staffs. In 1995 he was named Mr. NSU and Greek Man of the Year. His fondest memory of NSU is his involvement in Student Activities and Greek life.

After graduation, he worked for Theta Chi Fraternity International Headquarters as leadership and education consultant and director of chapter operations. He has also worked for Morley Companies, Inc. in Michigan as a program coordinator. He then moved from Michigan to Los Angeles to work as the event planner and sales manager for special events and group sales division at Universal Studios in Hollywood. He is currently the director of client services for the Los Angeles Convention and Visitors Bureau. He takes a month off every two years to work at the Summer or Winter Olympic Games. So far, he has had the opportunity to work for the Sydney (2000) Games, Salt Lake City (2002) and Athens (2004). He was in charge of transportation and VIP hospitality for 400 executives and their spouses.

According to Jones, his two greatest accomplishments since graduation have been his move to California and his experiences working the Olympic Games. In the future, he hopes to become more involved in the entertainment industry. Most of all, his main goal is to have a great time and enjoy 'the journey' of life.



Dr. Bernadette Cordaro Boyd

Patients are priority with NSU graduate Dr. Bernadette Cordaro Boyd. Boyd, a family nurse practitioner who owns and runs Boyd Family Practice in Shreveport with her husband, Dr. Carter Boyd, says she learned many of her important nursing and business lessons while attending Northwestern.

"I'm very disciplined in running my business," said Boyd. "I am able to work with people in all different types of settings and from different backgrounds, whether they are employees or the general public. Since we have a very mom and pop business, we are hands-on when it comes to running a successful business."

Boyd began nursing with she graduated with her BSN From NSU in 1981. She felt well prepared to work with children and worked in the only Pediatric Intensive Care Unit in Shreveport.

"I enjoyed working with children and felt a need for working with children who were sick or critically ill," she said. "I later worked in a cystic fibrosis and pulmonary unit. I still have a big place in my heart for children with cystic fibrosis."

Boyd continued working while obtaining her MSN at Northwestern. After finishing her Ph.D. at Texas Woman's University, she returned to NSU for her certification as a nurse practitioner.

"The Family Nurse Practitioner program was very accommodating for non-traditional students who had children and husbands," said Boyd, who had already established a family. "And when I got out I was prepared to work with people of all ages."

"The key to my life is having a great husband. We work together in running a business and caring for our family."

The Drs. Boyd are still involved with Northwestern by fundraising annually for the men's basketball team.

"The Boyds are an example of loyalty and commitment to NSU and our program," said Mike McConathy, head coach of men's basketball. "They don't ask why, just how they can help with no strings attached. If we had a lot more Bernadette and Carter Boyds, there's no telling how NSU could evolve."

Boyd has much advice for future nurses.

"Study hard, learn discipline and feel satisfied in caring for your patients," she said. "Learn to listen and take constructive criticism. Always, always put patients first in every nursing situation."

Boyd has three children; Carter, 11, Charlton, nine, and Lucia, five. She remains active in their schools, athletic and Scout activities as a coach and a scout leader.

She is a volunteer for the local Children's Hospital, which is currently being built. She is also a member of the Shreveport and American Nursing Association, as well as the nursing honor society Sigma Theta Tau. She is also a lector at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Demon fans will travel to Honolulu for Rainbow Classic

The Northwestern State University Alumni Association and Athletic Association are sponsoring a basketball vacation for Demon friends and alumni who wish to attend the **Rainbow Classic in Honolulu, Hawaii, Dec. 17-23.**

The package includes roundtrip air on Continental Airlines from Alexandria to Honolulu and hotel accommodations for five nights, including tax, at the Radisson Waikiki Prince Kuhio Hotel, one block from the beach. Also included are roundtrip airport/hotel transfers in Hawaii, bus transfers to and from the arena, game tickets to the Rainbow Classic Dec. 20 and 21 and access to team practices and other team events. **The cost per person (double occupancy) is \$1,250.**

Reservations must be made by Aug 1 (only 10 seats remaining). A \$50 deposit per passenger is required.

For more information or a registration form, contact **Charlie Vienne** at (318) 357-4295 or e-mail viennec@nsula.edu.



Alumni Updates



1965

Dr. Jon Gibson is retired professor of anthropology, married and lives in Homer.

1971

Ginger Ann Lewis Davis is a systems engineer senior staff at Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, married and lives in Windermere, Fla.

1973

John "Rick" Cleveland Blalock is the owner of Blalock Insurance of Plain Dealing, married and lives in Plain Dealing.

1979

Georganne Norwood Foster is a mamographer at Trinity Mother Frances Hospital – The Breast Center and an x-ray technologist at Presbyterian Hospital of Greenville. She lives in Lindale, Texas.

1980

Dana Renee English is a child welfare specialist III for La. Department of Social Services, DeSoto O.C.S. (Child Protection) and lives in Mansfield.

Landry Paul Bonnette is a classification specialist at Hunt Reception and Diagnostic Center, married and lives in St. Gabriel.

1982

Thomas Hennigan is an operations manager for Smith Equipment Rental Sales, married and lives in Haughton.

1984

Dr. Lisa Stegall Adcock is an assistant professor of Pediatrics and Neonatology at Baylor College of Medicine and lives in Houston.

1987

Dr. William (Willie) Hey was recently recognized as the College/University Health Education Professional of the year for the Southern District American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHPERD) at their recent conference in Little Rock, Ark. In 2004, the Alabama State Association also recognized Dr. Hey for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (ASAHPERD), as the Health Education of the Year. Dr. Hey is currently a Professor of Health Education with the Department of HPER at Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Ala.

1989

Warren Dale Strickland is the president & CEO of Trophy Estimates Inc., married to Michelle Strickland ('92) and lives in Houston, Texas.

1990

Sonny Terrill (Terry W. Jr.) is the vice president of human resources for Newquest, Inc., married and lives in Brentwood, Tenn.

1991

Andrew Roach is a clinical director at Birch Tree Communities Inc, married and lives in Benton.

Sharon E. Chandler Wagley is a sixth grade teacher at Verda Elementary School, and lives in Montgomery.

"Toby" Dillard E. Brazzel is an insurance agent for Allstate Insurance Co., married to Kayla D. Brazzel ('92) and lives in Woodworth.

1992

Patricia Anne Lord Terry is a registered nurse at University Medical Center/ Sumnerlin Hospital, married and lives in Las Vegas, N.V.

Carletta Danene Anthony Jones is a fourth and fifth grade language arts teacher at Provencal Elementary School, married and lives in Natchitoches.

1997

James "Jimmy" Robert Miller is a medical representative for Athlon Pharmaceuticals, married and lives in Round Rock, Texas.

In Memory

('44) Essie Moore, Vivian, La., April 23, 2005
Marion H. Dover, Coral Springs, Fla., November 9, 2004
Lucy DeSpain Furr, Shreveport, April 15, 2005
John Rabb
Pat Sledge
Milt Tarver, ('66) Los Angeles

1998

Ramel Knapp is a match support specialist for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Arkansas, working on teacher certification and teaching part-time at our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic School. She lives in Little Rock, Ark.

Deanna Irvin is vice president of SkyBridge Private Air.

Robin A. Nash Arnold is a testing coordinator at LSU-Alexandria, married to Michael Arnold ('98) and lives in Alexandria.

1999

Tara Lewis is a medical representative for Merck Co. and lives in Houston.

2000

Heather Patton Richardson is married and lives in Tarawa Terrace, N.C.

Jaime McElroy Rome is a loan originator at Standard Mortgage, married and lives in Abita Springs.

Carrie Tomlinson is an executive assistant at

Opelousas St. Landry Realty, married and lives in Opelousas.

2002

Brian Duval is a store-opening manager for Smoothie King Franchises Inc. in Kenner and lives in River Ridge.

Brooke Nicole Patterson is a senior accountant at Trammell Crow Company and lives in Dallas, Texas.

Marie Yvonne Johnson Wilson is a pre-kindergarten teacher at Forest Hill Elementary School, married and lives in Alexandria.

Robin Marie Ramagos is a special education teacher at Cloutierville Elementary and Junior High School. She is also a Mary Kay Beauty Consultant and lives in Natchitoches.

2003

Danielle Mitchell is a marketing coordinator for Burns and McDonnell and lives in Houston.

Tiffany Nicole LeGrand Kelly is an accounts payable for Vintage

Realty Company, married and lives in DeBerry, Texas.

Patricia Ann Early Foreman is a registered nurse-ambulatory surgery, married and lives in Alexandria.

2004

Bert LeBlanc III is an insurance agent for AFLAC and lives in Lewisville, Texas.

Candice Diane Preble Selman is an office manager at Doug Selman Builders, LLC, married and lives in Pineville.

Terrica Wallace is a patient assistance program specialist for Cenla Medication Access Program/The Rapides Foundation and lives in Natchitoches.

LOOKING BACK

Intramurals have always been an exciting part of student life

In 1980, the Intramural staff decided to pump up the fun with an Intramural All-Niter. The event was held on a weekend in November in the PE Majors building on campus.

Students participated in activities including bubble gum blowing, tobacco spitting, joke telling, pepper eating and disco dancing. They also worked together in relays and different forms of musical entertainment throughout the night. The not-so-athletic students had some fun, too, with the roommate game. The game brought up many embarrassing roommate stories.

After a fun-filled night of Intramural activities, students began to go home around 4:30 a.m. to catch up on many hours of lost sleep from the All-Niter.



GUESS WHO

Can you guess the participants in the Intramural All-niter? If so, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at (318) 357-4414 or (888) 799-6486.

The first five people to call with the correct answers will win a prize!

Congratulations to the following people who knew Class of 1955 officers Dan Carr, Jack Sharp, Jean Noble, Bettie Carter and Faye Johnson in the Spring 2005 issue:

Ms. Juanita Penny Thorton ('58)
DeRidder, LA

Mrs. Gladys Shaw Reynolds ('54)
Shreveport, LA

Ms. Alcidie Thompson Boudreaux ('55)
Lafayette, LA

Mrs. Paula Babin Manning ('55)
Berwick, LA

Mr. John Hoglan ('72)
Many, LA

Mr. Ellace Bruce Jr. ('55)
Hot Springs Vlg, AR

Mrs. Alice Zenter West ('55)
Center, TX

Naomi Meadows Cowgill
Springfield, VA

Alumni Information Update

Please fill this page out as completely as possible. We are constantly revising our records and your information updates are vital to making the system work. The information from this form is also used for entries in the "Class Notes" section. Please make a copy of this page and give it to any NSU graduate who may not be on our list. We can't keep in touch with you if we can't find you! Thank you.

Date _____ SSN: _____

Name: (Miss, Mrs, Mr.) _____
Please Circle Last First Middle Maiden

Current address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

NSU undergraduate degree(s): _____ Year of graduation: _____

NSU graduate degree(s): _____ Year of graduation: _____

During which years did you attend NSU? _____

Which organizations were you involved in while a student at NSU? _____

Place of employment _____

Job title: _____ Work phone: _____

Spouse's name: _____

Is your spouse an NSU graduate? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, what degree(s) did he / she earn?

Spouse's undergraduate degree (s) _____ Year of graduation _____

Spouse's graduate degree (s) _____ Year of graduation _____

Do you have children who are potential Northwestern students? Please tell us their names, contact information, and what high school they attend.

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Natchitoches, LA 71497
(318) 357-5961

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Class of 1955 gathers for Golden Jubilee



1st Row, L to R: Ms. Pat Murphy Windham, Mr. Kirby Dean Ryland, Mr. Walter Clarence Hughes, Mr. Wilcy Joseph Champagne, Mr. Bobby L. Leach, Mr. Kerry L. Durr, Mr. Doyle Wayne Durr, Ms. Jane Claborn Purser, Ms. Willie Ethel Morris Boydston.

2nd Row, L to R: Ms. Virginia McDonnell Lynch, Ms. Rose F. Holloway, Dr. John A. Manning, III, Ms. Paula Babin Manning, Mr. Charles Albert Tassin, Sr., Ms. Irene Long Marker, Dr. Dan B. Carr, Mr. Earl Thomas Haynes, Ms. Carolyn Adams Barron, Ms. Nadine Ashley Marsee.

3rd Row, L to R: Ms. Patricia Givens Butler, Mr. Jimmie G. Kinnison, Dr. B. L. "Buddy" Shaw, Ms. Anita Worsham Brown, Ms. Blanchie Lee Lewis Morrison, Ms. Francyse Jowers Parker, Ms. Anita Pauline Sigler Tarasiewicz, Dr. Robert Hugh Pender, Ms. Jane Bush Watson, Ms. Nancy Kimbrell Kerce, Ms. Marilyn Motter Langston.

4th Row, L to R: Ms. Mary McDuffie Brown, Ms. Jean Noble Warren, Ms. Juanita Durrett Faircloth, Ms. Alice Zenter West, Ms. Jerry Carolyn Wilson Smith, Mr. Louis Marion Smith, Ms. Maribel Stewart Ellender, Mr. Grover Stewart, Ms. Alcidie "Dee" Thompson Boudreaux, Ms. Kathryn Wright Littlepage.

5th Row, L to R: Mr. Tomimy R. West, Dr. Ben B. Singletary, BG(Ret) Curtis F. Hoglan, Ms. Billie Fincher Lock, Dr. John Wanzer Drane, Ms. Anne Torrans, Ms. Nell Morgan Bauer, Ms. Helen Young Derbonne, Mr. Leroy E. Gillan.

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